

Michelle Mata - Fireworks

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To Whom It May Concern:

Due to family emergency I am, unable to come to the meeting today on the issue of fireworks over the water. However, I hope that this statement can be entered as part of the citizen testimony.

Since it is the responsibility of this body to make sure our waters are not polluted, it is important to make sure that all chemicals that get put into the water are safe. From what I have read, fireworks over the water pollute the water, therefore strict regulation needs to be maintained for the protection of all of us.

Times change and new information is obtained. This organization needs to incorporate this new information as part of its protection of our ever decreasing safe water supply. At one time fireworks were propelled over El Capitan, at Yosemite National Park. Wise minds decided, with new information about the danger, decided to discontinue these fireballs. This was not considered patriotic, as many people loved these fireworks. As a child, there were firecracker, and fireworks stands, all over the Los Angeles where I grew up. Our fathers would light them in the street. I can still remember the sparklers the kids used to play with. Then, one 4th of July, a child was burned and a house caught on fire from these pyrotechnics. Someone finally said enough, as homes were getting closer to each other and it was becoming dangerous. Again, not considered very patriotic, but times changed.

For the last many years it has been the policy to shoot fireworks over areas such as Mission Bay, and other bodies of water on the 4th of July. However, we know now that this is not safe for the fish, plants in the water, or for humans in the water. Therefore, it is once again time to make an unpopular decision. People will say it is not patriotic. However, people have also said many things about the environment that have been correct, and it is up to this body to listen, learn, and most of all educate yourselves to the harm that is being done by allowing a light show to be more important than safety. This is patriotic, not the other way around.

I am sure that this board will do the right thing, by protecting our waters. Please do not continue to allow fireworks to pollute the water any further. You will be doing our children a great favor. To the best of my knowledge, there is nothing intrinsically patriotic about fireworks.

*Warm regards,
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